



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

(RCW 34.05.360)

**CR-103** (7/22/01)

**Agency:** Insurance Commissioner

- ☒ Permanent Rule  
☐ Emergency Rule  
☐ Expedited Rule Making

**(1) Date of adoption:** December 23, 2003

**(2) Purpose:** WAC 284-24-120 sunsets on December 31, 2003. This rule suspends the rate filing requirements under chapter 48.19. RCW for a "large commercial property casualty account" – as defined in the rule. The adopted rule will eliminate the sunset provision and update the definition of a large commercial property account.

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2003-04

**(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:  
Amended: WAC 284-24-120  
Suspended:

**(4) Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 48.02.060, 48.18.100(6), and 48.19.080

Other Authority:

**PERMANENT RULE ONLY (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 03-22-094 on 11/5/03 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

**EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- ☐ (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- ☐ (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

**(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?:**

☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

**(6) Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- ☒ 31 days after filing  
☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\*

**Emergency Rules**

- ☐ Immediately  
☐ Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*(If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

**Name (Type or Print)**

Mike Kreidler

**Signature**

**Title**

Insurance Commissioner

**Date**

12/23/03

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**WAC 284-24-120 Suspension of rate filing requirements--Large commercial accounts.** (1) Under RCW 48.19.080, the rate filing requirements in chapter 48.19 RCW are suspended with respect to large commercial property casualty accounts.

(2) For purposes of this section, "large commercial property casualty account" means insurance coverage that:

(a) ~~((Pertains to))~~ Involves the lines of property and casualty insurance defined in RCW 48.11.040, 48.11.050, 48.11.060, 48.11.070, and/or 48.11.080; and

(b) Is purchased by a business, ~~((nonprofit))~~ not-for-profit organization, or public entity~~((+))~~

~~((b))~~ Involves the lines of property and casualty insurance defined in RCW 48.11.040, 48.11.050, 48.11.060, 48.11.070, and/or 48.11.080; and

~~((c))~~ Has an estimated annual collected premium of \$25,000)) with enough insurance buying experience to negotiate with insurers in a largely unregulated environment and that meets any two of the following criteria:

(i) Annual premiums of one hundred thousand dollars or more, excluding workers compensation insurance issued by the department of labor and industries and types of insurance listed in subsection (6) of this section;

(ii) Net revenues or sales in excess of one hundred million dollars;

(iii) More than two hundred employees;

(iv) Net worth over fifty million dollars;

(v) Is a not-for-profit organization or public entity with an annual budget or assets of at least forty-five million dollars;

(vi) Is a municipality with a population over fifty thousand.

(3) Before an insurer issues coverage in reliance on this section, the insurer or its agent shall notify the insured in writing that the rates have not been and will not be filed for the commissioner's approval.

(4) Property rates used on large commercial property casualty accounts will not be audited by the Washington Insurance Examining Bureau under WAC 284-20-006.

(5) The commissioner retains the right and ability to examine the rates used on large commercial property casualty accounts to ascertain whether they meet the requirements of RCW 48.19.020 and other statutes. The insurer shall maintain records supporting the rating and premium determination of each policy issued in reliance on this section. These records shall be retained by the insurer for a minimum of three years and made available at all reasonable times for the commissioner's examination.

(6) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

(a) Professional liability insurance, including medical malpractice insurance;

(b) Directors' and officers' liability insurance purchased by individuals;

(c) Motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance, as defined in RCW 48.96.010(4); and

(d) Master policies under which certificates of coverage are issued to individual consumers, households, businesses, or other organizations.

~~((7) If this subsection is not amended, the provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, 2003.))~~